

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A resin gear comprising:

a rim having teeth on an outer periphery thereof;

a hub for receiving therein a driving shaft, one end portion of the hub having a key receiving portion for engaging a key of the driving shaft;

a rib arranged between said rim and said hub; and

a web having an outside web portion and an inside web portion, said outside web portion extending in radial directions to connect said rim to said rib, and said inside web portion extending in radial directions to connect said rib to said hub,

wherein said key receiving portion has a side wall for preventing relative rotation of the key to the hub, and a bottom wall for allowing the key and the hub from being positioned in directions parallel to the driving shaft, and

a said inside web portion of said web ~~surrounding the hub and key receiving portion~~ is arranged so as to be shifted from the bottom wall of the key receiving portion toward a contact portion in which the key contacts the side wall of the key receiving portion, said inside web portion being arranged so as to be shifted from said outside web portion in one of said directions parallel to the driving shaft.

2. (currently amended) A resin gear as set forth in claim 1, wherein said contact portion is arranged between a plane, which includes one surface of said inside web portion of said web, and a plane which includes the other surface of said inside web portion of said web.

3. (currently amended) A resin gear as set forth in claim 1, wherein said contact portion is substantially arranged on a plane which includes the center of said inside web portion of said web in thickness directions and which is parallel to said inside web portion of said web.

4. (currently amended) A resin gear comprising:

a rim having teeth on an outer periphery thereof;

a hub for receiving therein a driving shaft, one end portion of the hub having a key receiving portion for engaging a key of the driving shaft;

a rib arranged between said rim and said hub; and

a web having an outside web portion and an inside web portion, said outside web portion extending in radial directions to connect said rim to said rib, and said inside web portion extending in radial directions to connect said rib to said hub,

wherein said key receiving portion has a side wall for preventing relative rotation of the key to the hub, and

a contact portion, in which the key contacts the side wall of the key receiving portion, is arranged between a plane, which includes one surface of a said inside web portion of said web [~~surrounding the hub and key receiving portion~~], and a plane which includes the other surface of said inside web portion of

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said web, said inside web portion being arranged so as to be
shifted from said outside web portion in one of said directions
parallel to the driving shaft.